

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Restriction Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group III (claims 26-44) drawn to an inbred miniature swine free of PERV and methods for producing them.

Applicants believe that Groups II and III should be combined for search purposes in that several embodiments thereof require selection of PERV-free animals and this could involve the screening steps of Group II.


In addition, Applicant has amended claim 26 to delete the term "miniature" so that the claim is directed to swine and thereby avoids lack of antecedent basis within the claim. Applicant notes that dependent claim 27 is already limited to miniature swine.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

26. (Amended) An inbred swine of DD haplotype wherein said ~~miniature~~ swine is inbred so as to remove infectious PERV gene sequences from the genome thereof.